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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT		
For: CATHETER HAVING AN IMPROVED DISTAL TIP		
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Serial No.	10/002,613) Atty. Docket No.: ACSC 59944 (2285)
Inventors:	Edwin Wang et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
In re the application of) Examiner: not yet assigned

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 36-39, as follows:

36. (New) A balloon catheter, comprising:

a) an elongated shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, a proximal shaft section,

a distal shaft section, an outer tubular member defining an inflation lumen, and an inner tubular member

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